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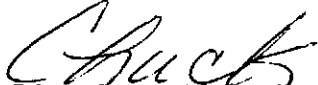
Dear Sir or Madam:

My concern over the siphoning of fresh Bay Area waters off to Southern California and the large agri-business interests is mounting yearly. It is time to pay attention to the considerable fresh water needs of our own area. Bay and delta habitats are dying off at alarming rates.

I urge you to focus your energies towards encouraging more efficient use of the fresh waters already allocated to these other interests and in new ways to better allocate local waters to the very real ecological needs of our own area.

Today I flew over the California aqueduct (there seem to be two of them, in fact) and was again saddened to see so much of our needed water supplies being shipped elsewhere daily. The amount lost to evaporation in those aqueducts, alone, is disgraceful.

Please heed the needs of our local wildlife and our daughters and sons to come.


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